



Educational Officer Report – Jennie Burch

This is my second report as the Education Officer for the ASCN UK. I didn't choose a great time to be the education officer with education in person not possible and all things rapidly becoming 'virtual'.

The National Clinical Guidelines that were started by Wendy Osbourne have continued to grow steadily grown in number and more are still being added and planned for the future. These guidelines are designed to provide evidence to a variety of different aspects of activities undertaken by Specialist Stoma Care Nurses to improve care for people with a stoma. These guidelines are currently being reviewed and if necessary revised and updated.

The short, virtual ASCN UK 'conference' in 2020 was well received and contained education, ASCN committee member's feedback and the annual general meeting (AGM). We had several great speakers discussing the ASCN UK clinical guidelines; this was of course by Wendy Osbourne. Three new clinical guidelines were presented by one of the authors presenting. Julia Williams spoke about the new ileo-anal pouch guidelines. The pyoderma guidelines were presented by Simon Turley and the Kock pouches by presented by Fran Woodhouse. These three new guidelines are now available on the ASCN UK member's website for use from members. We also recognised an outstanding Specialist Stoma Care Nurse as the Stoma Nurse of the Year 2020 (kindly supported by Salts) who was Wendy Osbourne, a well-deserved nomination and acknowledgment for an exceptional nurse.

The ASCN UK website has been updated recently and it contains lots of useful information; such as the updated ASCN UK hospital directory which was updated earlier this year. The ASCN UK & University of East Anglia Stoma Care Specialist Module is still available at master's level; run by Dr Gabby Thorpe and funding is still available for this module an educational grant from the Jean Preston Fund.

There are a number of less visible collaborations. This includes a number of projects that are currently in progress; to improve clinical care for ASCN UK members. The ASCN UK offers endorsements for educational events and projects related to stoma care. Mark Allen Group and British Journal of Nursing (BJN) continue to support stoma care and the ASCN UK; providing three stoma supplements each year, free to our members.

Despite the pandemic we have managed to provide and plan educational events that were run in 2021. A paediatric webinar was provided by Claire Bohr and Karen Dick on 17 June; that was well received with over 130 delegates registered for the session. They imparted their knowledge about paediatric conditions and some great tips for looking after the younger patients with stomas. There are also plans for a one day virtual conference on 5 October. This is being undertaken on a virtual platform that allows interaction but is very different but almost as expensive to organise compared to a face-to-face meeting. This will enable us to share knowledge with our peers through oral presentations as well as poster presentations. It is hopeful but uncertain how 2022 will look but a hope if for face-to-face conference.



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On behalf of the ASCN UK, the committee members continue to promote and improve stoma care education for our members. I look forward to seeing you virtually in October during our conference and AGM.

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